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NASA Astronaut Visits Washington, D.C. School

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- NASA astronaut Janice Voss shows students at Ideal Academy Public Charter School examples of space food that she and the crew aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour ate during their 11-day flight in February 2000.

Astronaut Voss shared her experiences in space with the students and stressed the importance of studying math and science, and her belief that anyone can be an astronaut if they apply themselves.

Astronaut Voss was a crewmember on the Space Shuttle science mission designated as SRTM -- Shuttle Radar Topography Mission. During the SRTM flight, using an on-board radar system, Endeavour gathered elevation data of 80 percent of the Earth's landmass, including large parts of our planet that had never before been well charted due to persistent cloudiness.

The SRTM mission was a cooperative project of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, NASA and the German and Italian space agencies.

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